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IN RE APPLICATION OF : David A. Martin  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, the undersigned, Heather M. Barnes, Esq., and all attorneys associated with the law firm of Brouse McDowell, hereby request permission to withdraw as attorneys herein.

Three former Brouse McDowell attorneys, Roger D. Emerson, Daniel A. Thomson, and Timothy D. Bennett, formed their own law firm Emerson, Thomson & Bennett. Subsequently, the client terminated its relationship with Brouse McDowell and requested its files be transferred to Emerson, Thomson & Bennett. Pursuant to the mandatory withdrawal provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(b)(4), Brouse McDowell and the undersigned individually, and on behalf of the attorneys at Brouse McDowell, request that the attorneys listed under customer number 26781 be removed as attorneys of record.

I have delivered to Applicant's new counsel the file for which I was responsible and information they have given to me. Thereby, I have effectively empowered them to carry on prosecution of the patent. Therefore, I believe I have complied with all the obligations placed upon me by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to allow such withdrawal and believe I am entitled to the application requested.

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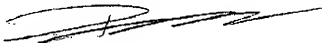
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Dear Dave:

I am leaving Brouse McDowell and forming the law firm of Emerson, Thomson & Bennett. Both Brouse and Emerson, Thomson & Bennett want to be sure there is no disadvantage to you or your legal matters as a result of my move. Either firm is available to handle your intellectual property matters for which I have been responsible – currently and in the future. The decision about how your legal matters are handled, whether they stay with Brouse, go with me to Emerson, Thomson & Bennett, or are directed to another attorney or law firm, is entirely yours.

Would you please take a minute to complete the enclosed form and fax ((330) 253-8601) and e-mail (dat@brouse.com) it back to me at as soon as possible? If you have any questions about this matter or the status of your legal matters please contact either Lisa Del Grosso (Brouse's firm attorney) or me at 330-535-5711.

Sincerely,



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By: 